

## ETS/ALLERGY

CLAIM: PEOPLE ARE ALLERGIC TO TOBACCO SMOKE IN THE AIR

### RESPONSE:

- This is one of the most common complaints about ETS exposure. Scientific researchers, however, have not reported specific allergens in tobacco smoke.(1) Thus, while some individuals may react to seeing or smelling ETS, that does not mean they are experiencing a true "allergic" reaction to tobacco smoke.

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